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Experience

Fisheries Methods & Equipment Specialist, NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center, Pascagoula, MS, 3/99 - Present

- Serve as a relief for the boat captain and stand wheel watches at sea.
- Maintain engines, winches, blocks, and rigging
- Maintain and upgrade the interior and exterior of the vessel.
 - * Splice rope and cable
 - * Change out winch cable
 - * Overhaul winches
 - * Install \route fuel lines
 - * Install \route of electric wiring
 - * Pipefitting
 - * Install \maintain hydraulic systems
 - * Insulation
 - * Fiberglass work
 - * Carpentry work
 - * Painting (including lettering)
 - * Sheetmetal installation
 - * Maintain, repair marine air conditioning
 - * Welding
 - * Overhaul the power take off (PTO) system
- Layout and design of upgrades and changes made to vessel
- Maintain safety standards and equipment including sensors, pumps, and radios
- Possess knowledge of various types of net and gear used in both the commercial fishing industry and in the collection of scientific data.
- Deploy, retrieve, and repair scientific and fishing gear
- Participate with professional scientists in planning of the work and support laboratory staff and organizational requirements when requests and approved by supervisor
- Working with Federal agents to enforce TED laws

Chief Boatswain (Mate) on the R/V Caretta, Johnson Controls, Pascagoula, MS, 7/98-12/98

- Serve as Boatswain (Mate)
- Maintain a 65 foot research vessel, R/V Caretta
 - * Maintain fishing equipment
 - * Repair as needed
- Operate a 65 foot research vessel, R/V Caretta
 - * Trawling
 - * Transect surveying
 - * Acoustical surveying
 - * Tracking marine life
 - * Providing at-sea support for other scientific activities
 - * Navigation

Captain at MNM Boats, Golden Meadow, LA, 12/96-7/98:

- Captain/Master of MNM boats
- Captain of 165 ft. Supply boat- vessel: Ms. Robin
- Captain of 195 ft. Supply boat- vessel: Ms. Norma
- Master/Supervisor of operations of the vessels
 - * Supply drilling rigs and platforms for oil exploration and production
 - * Insured safety of crew and vessel
 - * Insured provisions and supplies for vessel and crew were on board and in place at all times
 - * Insured cargo was loaded safely and properly (cargo- fuel, water, chemicals, groceries, oil and filters)
 - * Navigated to assigned designation and returned to port
 - * Prepared proper paperwork and documents
 - * Supervised all crew members, unloading of cargo, and cleaning of tanks
 - * Prepared crew work schedule
 - * Conducted safety meetings, fire drills, man overboard drills, abandon ship drills
 - * Completely in charge and responsible for all crew members, boat and job performance

Captain at Graham Marine Inc. Boats, Bayou La Batre, AL 1995-1996:

- Mate - 185 ft. supply boat - vessel: Ramona Graham
- Master - 185 ft. supply boat - vessel: John Graham
- Master and overseer of operations of the vessels.
 - * Supply drilling rigs and platforms for oil exploration and production
 - * Insured safety of crew and vessel
 - * Insured provisions and supplies for vessel and crew were on board and in place at all times
 - * Insured cargo was loaded properly and safely (cargo - fuel, water, chemicals, groceries, oil, and filters)
 - * Navigated safely to assigned designation and returned to port
 - * Supervised all crew members, unloading of cargo, cleaning of tanks
 - * Prepared proper paperwork and documents, crew work schedules
 - * Conducted safety meetings, fire drills, man overboard drills, abandon ship drills
 - * Responsible for all crew members, boat and job performances

Captain at Trico Marine Services Boats, Houma, LA, 1991-1995:

- Master - 186 ft. Anchor boat - 4200 hpr. - vessel: Roe River
- Master - 186 ft. Supply boat - 2200 hpr. - vessel: Manatee River
- Master - 186 ft Supply boat - 2200 hpr. - vessel: Sun River
- Master - 186 ft. Supply boat - 2200 hpr. - vessel: Truckee River
- Master - 186 ft. Supply boat - 2200 hpr. - vessel: Wolf River
- Master/Supervisor and overseer of operations of the vessel
 - * Supply drilling rigs and platforms for oil exploration and production
 - * Insured provisions and supplies for vessel were on board and in place at all times
 - * Insured cargo was loaded properly and safely (cargo - fuel, water, chemicals, groceries, oil and filters)

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Captian of Trans Atlantic Vessel Delivery, Self-Employed, Bayou La Batre, AL, 1989-1991:

- Captain/Master/Navigator of eight (8) Atlantic crossings from Mobile, AL to Lagos, Nigeria, Africa
- Master and overseer of delivery service for foreign fishing vessels

Pipe Fitter and Plumber for Angus Yachts, Bayou La Batre, AL 1988-1999.

- Pipe fitter
- Plumber

Owner and Captian of shrimp trawlers and fishing boats, Self-Employed, Bayou La Batre, AL 1968-1988:

- 1968 operated shrimp trawler vessel - Captain Henry
 - * Owned
 - * Managed
 - * Maintained
 - * Captained
 - * Shrimped in the Gulf of Mexico
- 1969 purchased a 55 ft. shrimp trawler vessel - Marie G.
 - * Owner, operator, and repaired
 - * Shrimped in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana - in land waters and gulf waters
- 1971 sold Marie G. and purchased 57 ft. shrimp trawler vessel - Blue Horizon
 - * Owned, operated, maintained, and repaired
 - * Shrimped in all Gulf Coast waters
- 1976 sold Blue Horizon and designed, constructed, and rigged 60 ft. shrimp trawler vessed - Andra Marie
 - * Completed vessel in 7 month period
 - * Owned, operated, maintained and repaired
 - * Shrimped and fished in Gulf Coast waters
- Boat owner/operator for 25 years conducting shrimp trawling and longline fishing
- 1978 purchased a 74 ft. shrimp trawler vessel - Miss Sugar
 - * Owned, maintained, and managed for 5 years
 - * Captained and shrimped in the Gulf Coast waters from 1983-1986 when vessel was sold
- 1986 purchased a 57 ft. shrimp trawler vessel - Shelly Joe
 - * Owned, operated, maintained, and repaired

U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers Instructor: Sergeant/Bridge Specialist, U.S. Army, 1966-1968.

- Float bridge specialist
- Instructor/Mechanic

Captain/Manager, Self-Employed, Bayou La Batre, AL 1965-1966:

- Sold shrimp trawler, vessel - Barbara L.
- Bought 70 ft. shrimp trawler, vessel - -Capt. Henry
 - * Shrimped in inland waters of Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida
 - * Maintained all gear, equipment and offshore needed repairs on vessel

Captain/Manager, Self-Employed, Bayou La Batre, AL, 1963-1964:

- Sold shrimp trawler, vessel - Janell
- Purchased 34 ft. shrimp trawler, vessel - Barbara L.
 - * Shrimped inland waters of Alabama, and Mississippi waters
 - * Maintained gear, equipment and made needed and preventive repairs to vessel

Owner/Operator/Manager/Deck hand, Self-Employed, Bayou La Batre, AL 1962-1963:

- Dredged
- Shoveled
- Repaired dredge equipment for oystering
- Purchased 32 ft. shrimp trawler, vessel - Janell
 - * Shrimped in Alabama, and Mississippi inland waters
 - * Maintained gear, equipment, and made needed and preventive repairs to vessel

Carpenter Apprentice, Ingalls Shipyard, Pascagoula, MS, 1961-1962:

- Scaffold carpenter
- Ship launching

Education and Training

High School Graduate, 1961

U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers- August 16, 1966 - August 17, 1972

float bridge training; served as Float Bridge Specialist in Engineer Department as boat operator, mechanic, and instructor; Honorable discharge at level E-5 Sergeant.

Licenses, Certifications, Awards

Houston Marine Institute

certified fire fighter training/certification

Sea School

radar training/certificate

Biloxi Marine Institute

navigation/certificate

U.S. Coast Guard

1600 ton Masters/license